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amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We're now debating the adoption of the Beutler amendment. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, had a great little speech I had planned for the horse racing proposal, but that's no longer before us so I'll just make a reference to it that of the seven senators that I surveyed they all rode horses and none of them voted for the amendment, so evidently those that ride horses don't want to bet on them or pull slot machines or something, I don't know. But comes back down to the idea I was the only member of the General Affairs Committee that voted against Senator Beutler's bill, LR 292 I believe it was, on advancement and I think it's probably just from a standpoint of my position of fairness. And, you know, I don't support casinos, I don't care, and I've been quoted in the paper that if my grandmother wanted a casino in her backyard I'd tell her no as well. And I didn't vote for the lottery. Of course, I wasn't old enough to vote for the lottery when it was on the ballot. But I think it's difficult to make this decision that this is going to be a great deal for the state of Nebraska and this is a theory that I espoused in the General Affairs Committee that nobody disputes, and I think we're dealing with a sum zero game here, and that is, is that just because we build casinos in the state of Nebraska, no matter if you put them on this nice little two-mile zone all around the state or if you put them up in northeast Nebraska on reservations, federal...federally recognized lands, we're still dealing with a limited number of individuals who are going to go and gamble. And we're not going to see the huge returns, first of all, that we're seeing in Iowa because they're drawing from Nebraska. So, unless we figure out a way to build casinos that do better than theirs, we're not going to get that business back to the state of Nebraska. But the other thing that...that isn't brought up is that there's going to have to be some capital invested in building these casinos. It's probably not going to be done by the citizens of the state of Nebraska, so there's going to be an independent corporation, my guess would be somebody from Las Vegas, who's going to come up with this great plan to come into the state of Nebraska and offer us this idea that we're